

Application No. 09/647,670
Amendment dated March 10, 2003
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REMARKS

The allowability of Claim 8 is noted. In order to place independent Claim 1 in condition for allowance, this claim has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent Claims 6 and 8. Accordingly, this claim and all the claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance.

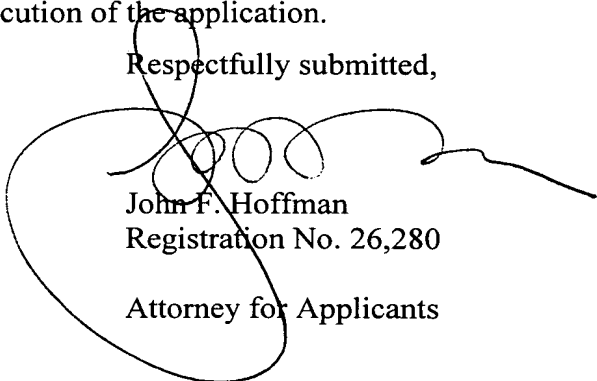
New independent Claim 32 has been added by way of this amendment and it is believed that this claim is similarly allowable over the prior art because it adds the limitation of Claim 8 calling for the first wall portion being aligned with the flow of material during unloading of the container and further calls for the angle of the first wall portion that projects towards the interior of the container to be a function of the angle of repose of the material. It is submitted that Claim 32 does not raise any new issue nor would it require that a further search be conducted. It is therefore requested that the Examiner permit this claim to remain in the application.

A further Information Disclosure Statement citing prior art recently cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Australian application is submitted herewith.

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It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692 if such would be of assistance in expediting prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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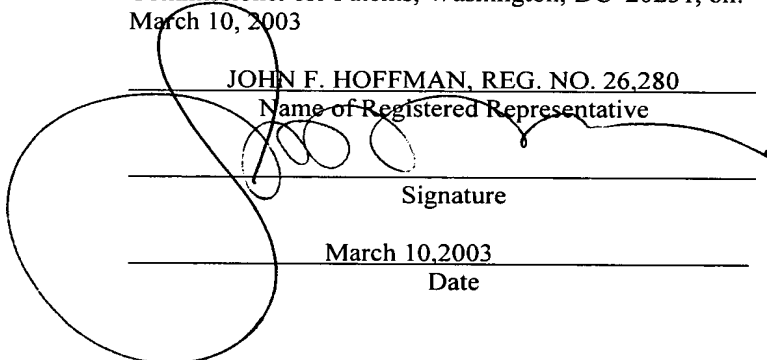
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